Thag 2.14 — Somamitta

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Verses of the Senior Monks 2.14

The Book of the Twos

Chapter Two

Somamitta

If you’re lost in the middle of a great sea,

and you clamber up on a little log, you’ll sink.

So too, a person who lives well

sinks by relying on a lazy person.

Hence you should avoid such

a lazy person who lacks energy.

Dwell with the noble ones

who are secluded and determined

and always energetic;

the astute who practice absorption.